

Biting Tenants Is No Good Way To Evict Them

Landlady Newman Has False Teeth,
but Tenant Vivian Barks at
Mastication.

Mrs. Mabel Vivian, who still holds the fort in her apartment at No. 441 West 44th Street, doesn't profess to know all the intricacies of the law, but she is certain in her mind that biting is not among the methods approved by courts for ousting a tenant. Accordingly, when she quoted the new rent laws in defense of her refusal to vacate her apartment and her landlady, Mrs. E. Newman, as Mrs. Vivian alleged, proceeded to emphasize her arguments for possession by biting her about the face, arm and shoulder. Mrs. Vivian pronounced such alleged bitings, chewings, mastications to be disorderly.

"If that isn't disorderly conduct, I'd just like to know what it is," she so eloquently as she hot-footed to the West side Court for a summons.

When Mrs. Newman appeared yesterday before Magistrate Schwab, Mrs. Vivian described the alleged bitings and displayed marks on her flesh. "Is that the way you go about getting an apartment?" inquired Magistrate Schwab.

"Oh, no, Your Honor," answered Mrs. Newman. "I didn't bite her at all. Indeed, I didn't. I'll prove it to you. I have false teeth and can't bite."

Then up spoke Assistant District Attorney Lorenzo Carlini thusly: "But, Madam, you masticate your food with your false teeth, do you not?"

Indignation, instant and withering, suffused the features of Mrs. Newman. "To think that she would be guilty of such a thing! Ice, cold and hard, was in her tone as she replied: "No, sir! I never do such a thing. I eat."

"Well, anyway," said the court, "in future when you want to rid yourself of a tenant, don't go down on your hands and knees and bite people like a dog. It isn't being done. The Municipal Court is the proper medium for securing evictions when they are justified. Case dismissed."

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